

****Financial support****



Depending on your circumstances, Swindon Borough Council has an emergency fund which can help with food and energy bills. Please follow the link for help and advice:
https://www.swindon.gov.uk/info/20013/benefits_and_swindon_money_matters/542/emergency_assistance_fund

****Food****



Swindon Food Collective

<https://www.swindonfoodcollective.org/get-food/>

Swindon food collective has a range of outlets across Swindon that provide dried food produce for free for those that need it. You need to be referred; Mrs Rutherford is able to do this discreetly for you and deliver if you have no transport. Please come to the school office should you need to discuss this.

Gorse Hill Community Fridge

<https://www.ghbc.org.uk/community-life/community-fridge>

Gorse hill Community Fridge in Swindon provides food produce for those that need it. You do not need to be referred; just turn up during their working hours. Information on the link provided.

Stratton Community Pantry

<https://www.strattonstmargaret.gov.uk/2024/02/strattons-community-pantry-opening-tuesday-5th-march/>

Stratton Community Pantry in Stratton provides dried food produce for free for those that need it. They work closely with us here at Beechcroft School and help our families in need. You do not need to be referred; Mrs Rutherford is able to collect and drop for you if it is required.

****Energy****



Check the gov website to ensure you are getting all the help you are entitled to for your energy bills:

<https://www.gov.uk/get-help-energy-bills>



MSE Guide - What to do if you are struggling with your energy bills:

<https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/utilities/how-to-get-help-if-you-re-struggling-with-your-energy-bills/>

If you have been told your energy supply will be cut off, read this advice:

<https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer/energy/energy-supply/problems-with-your-energy-supply/if-youve-been-told-your-energy-supply-will-be-disconnected>

****Pets****

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/animalfoodbankuk/?ref=share>

Other



Also contact citizens advice to see what help they can give:

<https://www.citizensadviceswindon.org.uk/>



MSE Free debt advice:

<https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/loans/debt-help-plan/>

Please contact Mrs Rutherford for any further support and advice. She is always available to speak to.